

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An end formed tube comprising:  
a hollow tube having an inner portion and two ends; and  
a lip portion formed on one of said two ends, wherein said lip portion comprises a folded-over portion formed by folding over an end portion of said tube back into said tube towards an inside of said tube, wherein an inner surface of said folded-over portion has a polygonal shape.

2. (Currently Amended) An end formed tube comprising:  
a hollow tube having an inner portion and two ends;  
a lip portion formed on one of said two ends, wherein said lip portion comprises a folded-over portion formed by folding over an end portion of said tube back into said tube towards an inside of said tube, wherein an inner surface of said folded-over portion has a polygonal shape.; and  
an end piece secured to said lip portion.

3. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 1, wherein said polygonal shape is octagonal.

4. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 2, wherein said polygonal shape is octagonal.

5. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 1, wherein said polygonal shape is chosen from the group comprising hexagonal and pentagonal.

6. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 2, wherein said polygonal shape is chosen from the group comprising hexagonal and pentagonal.

7. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lip portion is folded over 180 degrees.

8. (Original) An end formed tube as set forth in claim 2, wherein said lip portion is folded over 180 degrees.

Claims 9-15 (Cancelled).